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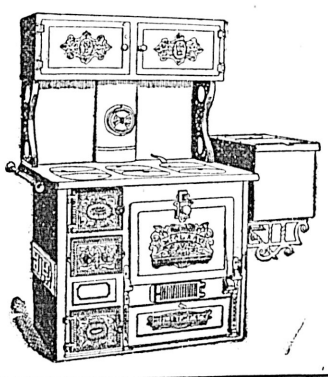

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WAR CLOUDS THREATEN

The Sultan's Indifference Promises to Set All Europe in a Blaze.

While Promising Pacific Measures, the Hostile Nations Prepare for War.

Britain Announces Decisively That No More Inhumanities Will Be Tolerated.

CANEA, March 24. — The Turkish troops, encouraged by yesterday's proclamation of the admirals announcing that the insurgents and Greek troops must not attack the Turkish fortifications at Kossamos, Suda, Malaxa, Candia and Hierapetra, where the foreign troops have been landed, on the plea that these fortifications are needed to maintain the security and quiet of the places mentioned, made an attempt to-day to re-victual the blockade at Malaxa. Thereupon they were attacked and repulsed by the Christians, who pursued the convoy of provisions to the environs of Suda bay. The Turkish warships finally opened fire upon the Christians and compelled the latter to retreat. At Sitta the Mussulman inhabitants of the town are without food and are surrounded by the Christians, who have cut off all means of communication with the place.

Advices from Arta say that as a result of the protest of Greece Turkey has stopped the construction of fortifications at Pevesa, at the northern entrance to the Gulf of Arta, which is contrary to the stipulations of the treaty of Berlin. Startling reports are in circulation here regarding the strength of the Turkish troops on the frontier. For instance, one report says that the Turks have concentrated 100,000 troops on the frontier at Epirus alone. The report, however, is not believed in military circles.

The insurgent commander-in-chief at Akrotiri this morning referred the proposal of the powers to grant autonomy to Crete to the various leaders of the insurgent forces, who assembled from different parts of the island. The Cretan leaders declared that only two issues are possible—annexation of the island of Crete to Greece or fighting until death ends the struggle for the union.

THE POWERS UNSATISFIED.

Reparation Inadequate for the Atrocities of Sunday Last at Tokat.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 24—The steps taken by the Sultan to punish the Turkisk officials held responsible for the massacre of 100 Armenians at Tokat, in the Sivas district of Asia Minor, and the pillaging of the Armenian quarter of Tokat for eight hours, are not satisfactory to the ambassadors of the powers, and unless there is a change in the situation very shortly it is believed that some of the powers will be compelled by public opinion to make a radical change of their policy toward Crete and Greece.

The immediate result of the remonstrance of Sir Phillip Currie, the British ambassador, was the calling of an extraordinary meeting of the council of ministers at the Valdiz Kiosk yesterday evening, at the end of which the ambassadors were notified that the Sultan had ordered the dismissal of the prefect of police and the chief of gendarmie of Tokat for not preventing the massacres, and for failing to promptly put an end to the pillaging of the Armenian quarter of that city.

The mere dismissal of these two minor Turkish officials is not considered sufficient to demonstrate the displeasure of the Sultan at the wanton killing of a hundred Armenians, and is further looked upon as being likely to encourage additional outbreaks of the same nature. Consequently, Sir Phillip Currie has made a fresh representation to the Porte setting forth that serious consequences will follow the failure of the Sultan to really punish those who are responsible for the Tokat outrages.

The ambassadors met at the residence of the British ambassador yesterday evening and thoroughly discussed the matter, after which dispatches were sent by those present to the capitals of the powers they represent. Although the result of this meeting of the ambassadors has not been allowed to become generally known, in independent circles here the opinion prevails that unless the ambassadors really hold forth definite threats of coercion in the event of the failure of the Sultan to adopt prompt and efficacious measures to prevent further massacres in Armenia, there is absolutely no hope of improving the situation, as it has been so frequently "intimated" to the Sultan that he must reform, that he now pays little or no attention to such communications.

In well-informed political circles it is generally believed that if fresh outbreaks occur, public opinion in Great Britain, France and Italy will compel the governments of the countries mentioned to change entirely their attitude on the Cretan question, not only towards Crete, but in regard to Greece, which might mean the lifting of the blockade, so far as these powers are concerned, and their positive refusal to take part in the proposed blockade of the principal ports and coasts of Greece.

Indeed it is directly intimated that this proposition has already been practically abandoned by the three powers referred to, not only because such a step is likely to force Greece into open hostilities against Turkey, but because the Sultan with true Eastern cunning has taken advantage of the blockade of Crete by the fleet of the powers, the bombardment of the insurgents by foreign warships, and the assistance given to the Turks by the foreign marines, to place himself and his government in an entirely new light before the populace here and elsewhere in the Ottoman empire.

An official communique was addressed by the Turkish government to the Turkish newspapers and provincial officials yesterday, representing that the course adopted by the powers in the Cretan question was an example of the striking success of the Sultan in the Cretan question, and clearly intimating that he has the full support of the powers, with their fleets and arms, in the repressive measures which he may choose to adopt against the Christians in his dominions.

To those acquainted with Western methods this step can hardly be overestimated. It amounts, practically, to informing the Mussulmans that they have nothing to fear from the powers if they massacred Christians as the Christian powers are supporting the Sultan against his so-called rebellious subjects.

This has caused a decidedly bad impression in diplomatic circles in Constantinople and gives an additional explanation of the determined stand which the British ambassador has undoubtedly assumed, as well as showing clearly how the Sultan and his advisors regard the so-called concert of the powers. They know it does not exist except as a hackneyed term, and they feel it never can exist so long as the map of Europe is not radically changed.

In the meanwhile preparations for war on a large scale are being steadily pushed forward, and the report of a possible agreement between Greece and Turkey, on the basis of the appointment of Prince George of Greece as high commissioner of Crete, was followed by the issuance this morning of a special irade, calling out for active service 44 battalions of the reserve of the second army corps, and also summoning to the colors the whole contingent of 1897.

The Turks believe that war with Greece will break out sooner or later, and they are nursing themselves with the belief if they follow out the recommendations of the powers friendly to Turkey the armies of the Sultan will be permitted to cross the Greek frontiers of Macedonia and Epirus when the right moment arrives and push on to Athens, thus wiping the poor little kingdom of Greece off the face of the globe.

"PLAGUE PRECAUTIONS."

Thus Does Russia Explain the Presence of Troops on the Frontier.

LONDON, March 24.—A dispatch to the Times from Constantinople says that the Vali of Erzeroum has informed the government that two divisions of the Russian army of Kars encamped on the Turkish frontier on Saturday last. On being asked to explain the movement, the Russian consul replied that the sole business of the troops was to take precautions for excluding the plague.

The vali considers this explanation unsatisfactory, and asks authority from the Porte to take such measures as he may deem necessary under the circumstances.

The government has ordered the Turkish embassies in Europe to open negotiations for the purchase of three ironclads at the cost of a million and a half sterling.

The Turkish minister of marine has pledged himself to the Sultan to dispatch a second squadron to the Dardanelles in the course of a fortnight.

The war correspondent of the Times, now on the Macedonian frontier, says that in his opinion the Greek army is not yet ready to take any decisive steps. The officers must first drill the raw levies and organize an efficient transport system. But, he adds, the appearance of things along the frontier is in the highest degree warlike. Every possible post is held and all the roads are patrolley by cavalry.

The Times correspondent at Athens says that all kinds of rumors are current there as to the expected rupture of the European concert. The danger of delaying a solution of the crisis increases daily. The Crown Prince Constantine is expected to start in a few days for the Greek camp at Larissa, and the risk of serious outbreak is becoming more intensified.

Reports of conflict between the Turks and the Greek volunteers at Arta have been officially confirmed. Neither Greece nor Crete has benefitted much in the past by compliance with European behests, and unless some visible proof is given of the complete abolition of Turkish rule in Crete, the country will not be satisfied. It is alleged that the reserves will refuse to come out on a future occasion, unless satisfaction is obtained now for Greek sacrifices.

The Ephemeris, which is obviously inspired by the court, confirms the statement that the Sultan offered to allow Prince George to administer Crete in return for the payment of tribute to the Porte, but that the powers stopped the negotiations. It is believed that Germany and Austria did their utmost to prevent such friendly arrangement being carried out.

The Greek government is about to address another protest to the powers against the blockade of the island of Crete and a formal repudiation of responsibility of any consequences to which it may give rise. The newspapers which represent the ministerial opposition in the Boule denounce the proposal of autonomy under Prince George as a betrayal of Hellenic interests.

An Austrian ironclad has stopped a Greek sailing vessel and a steamer, which were trying to run the blockade.

QUENCHING ITS LIGHT.

Transvaal Government Resents the Criticism of the Public Press.

PRETORIA, March 24.—The Transvaal government has suppressed the publication of the Johannesburg Star, the leading newspaper in the Rand, in consequence of that journal's criticisms of the administration.

Spring cleaning—You will find almost everything you need at Weiler Bros., from brooms, brushes, etc., to carpets, curtains and wall papers. x

THEIR SEATS VACATED

Conservative Members of Parliament Decapitated by the Supreme Court.

Manitoba Liberals Will Now Concentrate Their Energies on Local Affairs.

Assistant Clerk of the Commons—Manitoba's Premier to Visit Ottawa.

OTTAWA, March 24.—Three Conservative members of parliament were decapitated by the Supreme court this morning. They are: Hugh John Macdonald, of Winnipeg; Nat Boyd, member for Macdonald; and Hackett, the member for West Prince Albert. Dr. Roche, the member for Marquette, was confirmed in his seat, while the preliminary appeals in the case of Messrs. Bergeron, M. P. for Beauharnois; Davin, M.P., for West Assinaboia and Kaulbach, M. P., for Lunenburg were dismissed. As regards the three latter, the appeals will now be heard on their merits; the members will hold their seats for this session as no appeal can be heard while parliament is in session.

WINNIPEG, March 24.—(Special)—The verdict of the Supreme court declaring the Macdonald seat in Winnipeg vacant, was generally expected here, and caused no surprise. The organization work done by the Winnipeg Liberals during the winter, in anticipation of the seat being declared vacant, has prepared them for an early conquest, and their leaders are confident that a Liberal will represent the Prairie Capital at Ottawa for the balance of the term. The association will probably meet within the next fortnight to select a candidate. The names mentioned as likely to come before the meeting are: Mr. Isaac Campbell, ex-Mayor Jameson, D. W. Bole and Jas. H. Ashdown.

What the Conservatives of Winnipeg will do, now that the seat has been declared vacant is exceedingly problematical. Hon. Hugh J. Macdonald having undertaken to lead the provincial opposition is out of the calculation, and about the only other gentleman who is at all discussed is Mr. J. H. Brock. Mr. Brock would be a strong candidate, but whether he would consent to run is another matter. The outcome of it all may be that with Mr. Macdonald as leader, the Conservatives may decide to concentrate all their efforts and save all their ammunition for the next provincial election, allowing the Winnipeg seat in the Dominion house to go by default.

Hon. Hugh J. Macdonald was seen by a reporter shortly after the news was received from Ottawa. Mr. Macdonald said he had heard the result, but he was not at all surprised, as those who heard the argument before the Supreme court seemed to think all the appeals would be dismissed. In reply to a question if this would interfere with his arrangements, Mr. Macdonald said it would make no difference, as it had been decided that he would go into local politics. He certainly would not be a candidate for the seat, nor could he give any hint as to who would be. This matter would doubtless be decided at a meeting of Conservatives to be held as soon as it was known when the election would take place.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special)—Peter White and J. D. Edgar, ex-speaker and speaker of the House of Commons, were to-day sworn in as members of the Privy Council. This is following out the practice adopted by the Conservative government in Sir John A. Macdonald's time. Mr. J. B. Laplante, advocate, of Valleyfield, has been appointed assistant clerk of the House of Commons to fill the vacancy caused by the superannuation of Mr. Roleau; the salary is $2,000. The new appointee enters upon his functions at the opening of the session.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special)—Three hundred and thirteen Hull men have been employed continuously on the western block since the fire. Now that the Wright election is over fifty were laid off to-day—and great was the howling.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special)—King will move the address in the Senate and Cox will second. To-night's trains brought a fairly good number of senators and members, many accompanied by their wives and daughters.

WINNIPEG, March 24.—(Special)—Dr. Rutherford will be the Liberal candidate for the Macdonald vacancy; K. McKenzie may run as Patron; and Boyd will probably be the Conservative nominee.

WINNIPEG, March 24.—(Special)—Premier Greenway will visit Ottawa shortly after the session of the legislature, on public business.

SOON TO BE LAW.

The School Settlements Bill Becomes Operative Next Week—Manitoba Session Closing.

WINNIPEG, March 24.—(Special)—The Manitoba legislature is expected to prorogue on Tuesday next. On Wednesday many of the members will go on an excursion trip to the Dauphin district, which has just been opened up by a new line of railway.

The bill authorizing the schools settlement passed its third reading in the legislature to-day without opposition, and will become law next week.

Mining Companies' office stationery a specialty at the COLONIST office. x

THE BANK OF B. N. A.

Interesting Proceedings at the Annual Meeting of This Important Financial Institution.

Canadian Trade and Its Present Necessities Reviewed and Commented Upon.

The yearly general meeting of the proprietors of the Bank of British North America was held recently at the office of the corporation, 3 Clement's lane, Lombard street, E.C., Mr. J. J. Cater presiding.

The Secretary (Mr. A. G. Wallis) having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said: Before moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, I will proceed to make a few remarks on the trade, agriculture and finance of Canada. A telegram from Ottawa last week reported that during the fiscal year 1896 the exports from Canada amounted in value roundly to $121,000,000, being an increase of $7,500,000 over 1895, and the largest on record; the imports were valued at $118,000,000, showing an increase of $7,250,000. Of these exports Great Britain took $66,500,000 and the United States $44,500,000; but, on the other hand, Canada imported from the United States $20,000,000 more than from Great Britain. It will, therefore, be seen how interwoven the trade is between Canada and the United States, and how easily it can be affected by such events as the presidential election, financial troubles and discussions as to the tariff, each exporter or manufacturer waiting to see whether the duties are altered, and how a change will operate to his advantage or prejudice. Possibly the imports from America have continued on this large scale because of better railroad and other communications, but if this is so, then the contemplated new railroads in Canada and increased number of lake steamers there should tend to rectify this balance of trade, and give at least the eastern provinces an opportunity of doing a larger share of it. Speaking generally of trade in Canada during the second half of 1896, it was partly of an uncertain and vacillating character, from the causes to which I have referred; but if questions as to Canadian duties should be settled this month, the tendency to improved trade, which was visible in the latter months of 1896, should be more pronounced, and it is to be hoped will soon be developed into a period of distinct prosperity. I will now refer to the various interests affecting this bank, commencing with the lumber industry. The Pacific lumber trade has been unsatisfactory as regards prices, which have been so low as not to allow any reasonable profit. However, at the Atlantic ports there have been a large business done for Great Britain; the cut of logs was much in excess of 1895, and contracts have been made for the coming season at higher prices; but the sawn lumber business has been affected by events in the United States and fears of an increased duty there. Generally, stocks of all kinds of lumber in Canada are heavy, and prices may fall in England with the lower spring freights now current. A noticeable feature is the rather recent manufacture of wood pulp from spruce fir and its export to the United States, where there is a large demand for the pulp, and it appears as if this might become an important industry hereafter in parts of Canada. Shipowners have had a most prosperous year, fewer vessels have been built on the Atlantic side, and the new vessels are sometimes registered abroad to avoid the heavy local taxation, but the number of vessels owned in Pacific ports is increasing. Exporters of horses and cattle have not done well in the latter part of 1896, when losses swallowed up the early profits, but live stock generally sold well, and with abundant fodder will cost little to keep until spring. Dairying is now one of the chief industries, and is growing steadily; indeed, as regards cheese, Canada now ranks as a larger exporter than the United States, the bulk of the exports going to Great Britain. Butter has not done so well, but with improved methods in the factory, cold storage, and fast steamers, will, it is hoped, gain a leading position; whilst similar attention will doubtless lead to large exports of poultry. The bacon trade is growing largely, and the extension of dairies tends to increase the number of hogs. The grain crops have been good, but prices were low for most kinds. Wheat was of good quality and sold at fairly high prices, but some farmers were holding for more. Altogether, perhaps, agriculture has little to complain of. As regards the manufacturing and general trade of Canada, the experience is varied; the system of cash stores or short credits appears to be spreading, affecting the smaller traders and the middlemen. Even English merchants are selling to retailers direct; but the feeling as to the future is more hopeful, and in some provinces the traders are fully satisfied with 1896. The seal fishery on the Pacific produced about $500,000, but it is not likely to be profitable, owing to the fall in the value of skins here. At Halifax also the fish trade has not been satisfactory, and the steam communication with the West Indies has quite broken up the old-fashioned export business thither. On the other hand the report from Quebec is very good, with a favorable season for curing, and prices satisfactory. In British Columbia also most of the salmon canneries have made money, and there was a record pack last year on the Pacific of 2,300,000 cases, which may be possibly exceeded in 1897. The last industry to which I will refer is that of mining, which has been largely augmented in 1896. The West is, perhaps, lest developed than the East, but the joint production of ore in Cariboo, Kootenay, etc., was probably of the value of close upon $5,000,000, which may be largely surpassed this year. Older mines there and elsewhere are being reopened, and with cheaper methods and modern machinery show fair results. Our experience of Rossland as a mining and banking centre was so encouraging that we have since opened at Sandon, Kaslo and Trail, but these three branches are so recent as to afford no criterion of the results we may attain hereafter. Still I may say that they all tend to enlarge our circulation and our current balances, whilst they also afford an opportunity under proper safeguards of employing profitably money which is not required elsewhere. There is, no doubt, plenty of ore of a low grade which will not pay to ship to a distant smelter, but more smelters are expected to be built and at work in different districts, and both freights and the cost of smelting the ore can be reduced, and there are also mines which produce a much higher and profitable grade of ore. The principal dangers to investors appear to be in buying worthless or undeveloped claims and in taking shares in over-capitalized companies or in companies with capital insufficient to bring an undeveloped property to a producing stage. Money both from Great Britain and the East of Canada flows into the business, and there doubtless some good mines, of which much will be heard hereafter. In mica mining something has been done in Ontario, but the exports have been almost entirely to the United States. Graphite or plumbago of a quality equal to the best Ceylon is obtainable, but does not appear to be remunerative. The phosphate industry seems to be in a state of collapse. According to returns just issued, the mineral output of Canada last year amounted in value to $33,627,000, an increase of $1,500,000 over the previous year. The value of the Dominion production has been doubled in ten years. In British Columbia the output of minerals in 1896 was valued at over $7,000,000, but I cannot say whether this sum is included in the figures which I have just read for Canada. I will now pass to my last division, the subject of finance. Banks in Canada are numerous, and the competition is very keen. Deposits are sought for by some banks and savings banks at 3½ per cent. or more, 3½ per cent being also allowed by government, whilst our rate is mostly 3 per cent., which is high enough, we think, for its profitable employment. Last autumn for a short time money was wanted and dearer in Canada, but the demand was not sustained, and the tendency is again downwards. I will now ask you to turn to the balance sheet. Comparing it with 31st December, 1895, there is an increase of £70,545 in the deposits and current balances, an increase of £21,428 in notes in circulation, and an increase of £254,903 in bills payable and other liabilities. Rebate is £3,041 more, which results from the high bank rate of 4 per cent. in London at the close of the year 1896 on a larger amount of bills receivable, against a bank rate of 2 per cent. in December, 1895. Both the profit and the amount transferred to the officers' and insurance funds are much the same as in 1895. The balance carried forward after payment of the dividend is £2,292 more than in December, 1895, and rather more than was brought in. On the other side of the account, the cash, etc., are £287,365 less. Investments are £118,880 less (which is caused by our having sold some of our temporary investments in Canada, and put the money chiefly into the next item of bills receivable, loans, etc., which are £757,929 more); bank premises are £524 more. The total cast of balance-sheet is £352,209 more than in December, 1895. The result is perhaps a little disappointing, but the improvement in rates for money was late in coming, and too short-lived to enable us to make much profit, and I may say that all bad and doubtful debts have been fully provided for out of profits. The bank is in a sound condition, and ready to consider any desirable business which may be offered to it. I should like to say a word about the staff of the bank. Altogether, I think they are excellent, and all are energetic and zealous for the prosperity and popularity of the bank; they have worked well, and I hope you will accord to them your vote of thanks, which will stimulate them to fresh exertions. Several changes have taken place in the disposition of the offices, owing to the opening of the Kootenay branches; and I anticipate an advantage to the bank from the moves; people are apt to get into groves, and a removal probably tends to wider views of men and things. I now beg to move, "That the report of the directors and the statement of accounts be received and adopted," and after that has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions that any of you may wish to ask.

Mr. Henry R. Farrer, seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

The retiring directors, Messrs. H. R. Farrer, G. D. Whatman and J. J. Cater, were re-elected, and the auditors, Messrs. Edwin Waterhouse and G. Sneath, were also reappointed, on the motion of Mr. Maurice Powell, seconded by Mr. M. Tunmer.

Mr. John Paton proposed a vote of thanks to the directors and officers of the bank for their successful management during the past year. He remarked that the name of the good old Bank of British North America was synonymous in Canada and New York with prudent, conservative management, and he believed that good character was due chiefly to the careful supervision given to its affairs by the court of directors, and also to the skillful work done by the officers of the bank.

Mr. Maurice Powell, in seconding the motion, remarked that the small attendance showed that the shareholders were satisfied, notwithstanding the fact that the dividend was not what it used to be.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

The chairman acknowledged the compliment and stated that the directors would have pleasure in communicating the vote to the staff abroad, who would no doubt receive it with great satisfaction.

The proceedings then terminated.

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PUBLIC OPINION.

Shall the Petted Native Be Permitted to Exterminate Our Big Game?

Little Annoyances of Customs Routine—The Water Question Discussed.

To the Editor:—All that concerns the welfare of our province is worthy, I presume, of attention. May I assume (to save space) that the preservation of our big game is of material importance to the province? I can show that in losing it we shall lose, not only a source of food supply to the settler and of amusement to the native, but a strong attraction by which to draw to us the men we most want to interest in our young country. But you know all this as well as I do.

A few days ago I received a letter from a gentleman who lives in Alberta. He writes: "I am doing my utmost to try and have the big game of the mountains protected. I have written by this mail to our member to see if he can have a stop put to those rascals of Stoney Indians slaughtering game in the spring of the year. At that time, (as we well know) the sheep are down low and come out to the slopes to lamb. Then the Indians with dogs exterminate whole bands at one coup. I thought I would take the liberty of writing you, as I think by your articles in the Badminton Library on big game you would take an interest in trying to assist in having the Indians in British Columbia stopped, with those on this side of the mountains. We would have one of the best hunting countries in the world today, etc."

Now, sir, the only influence I hope to be able to have is through the press. If you take the trouble to inquire, you will find that this gentleman's complaint is well founded. Now and again a sportsman (?) kills more game than he has any right to, but I invite you to inquire into the wholesale slaughter of deer which takes place, say in Chilcotin, at the hands of the Indians; in parts of Kootenay, where they are killed not for miners' food but for sale, and elsewhere, and I ask you to plead for some restriction on the sale of game and for a spring close time which shall be binding on the siwash as well as the white man. Surely the period of the Indian's pupilage is past. Men who not only own but sometimes even let out farm implements to their white neighbors should not need nursing any longer at the expense of the province.

Clive Phillipps-Wolley.

To the Editor:—I would be glad to hear from some of your numerous readers the reason why the gifts of God should be taxed by the people through their agents the government, when it can be clearly proven that the people have done nothing to give them a claim on these gifts. I can understand when the people through the agency of their government expend money obtained from the earnings of the people on works that the masses cannot directly have an equal right to, that some consideration should be extended to the public on account of the capital so expended assuring them some proportional return for the part they have taken in supplying the necessary funds. Why tax a man who will expend time and money to utilize the water from creeks at his expense in order that land heretofore worthless may yield sustenance by irrigation? Such an one should have a bounty from the government, just in proportion that the public gained an advantage from it over and above what was an exclusive advantage to the individual, or otherwise to be equitable if a tax must be imposed on the unfortunate agriculturist who has to irrigate, then the one getting sufficient rain to produce his crops should not only be equally taxed, but even more so, since the expense attending irrigation is saved, and thus he is in a better position to pay a higher tax. Then why should a mill site, or in other words a free gift of nature of motive power, be taxed by the people who have done nothing to place the advantage there? Then again, why should not the miner have the right to use the water that nature has provided him with free from encumbrance, when no individual or combined individuals (the government) have expended any funds to place it there? It is unwise to discriminate against those who have more largely to depend on nature's aids to gain their living than those who are not so directly dependent thereon. That the government on behalf of the people should reserve the right to regulate the fair distribution and utilization of nature's gifts with due consideration to all interested, namely, the individual separately and collectively, is not an inconsistency, but there should be no discriminating tax imposed on any special gift of nature that one person may from necessity have to use, as compared to another who can earn his living by not having so directly to depend thereon. I really do hope the legislature will not tolerate such discrimination.

Excelsior.

To the Editor:—There is a piece of red tape in connection with the mail coming to this city from abroad that seems an unnecessary cause of vexation and delay to the public. I refer to the small packages, which may or may not contain dutiable goods, frequently under a dollar in value, and often some petty gifts or keepsakes from some distant friend, to be valued and paid for.

These must go to the appraiser's office I understand, and from there a notice is mailed that evening, which you will likely get the succeeding day. That is, if a package arrives here Friday night; on Saturday a notice is mailed. After 1 p.m. the appraiser's office is closed, and, of course, Sunday; on Monday you receive your notice, and unless you can get to the appraiser's office before 4 p.m. you don't get it that day. Here, in this instance, is a loss of at least two clear days; or say it comes Tuesday night, Wednesday, probably after 4 p.m., a notice is mailed you, and you likely get it and the package Thursday, instead of Wednesday as one should.

Perishable articles, as plants, flowers, and other things, should not be subjected to this unnecessary delay and there seems no good reason for it. Surely the petty customs dues could be equally well collected at the post office or a clerk from the appraiser's office could be located and to value them there in the post office, so that when a person called for their mail they could get it, or again, before packages were removed from the post office, a card should then and there be substituted, even if a night clerk should be required by the customs department for that duty, then it would be only necessary to go at once to the other department on Wharf street for your package.

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Progress of the Timber Commission Inquiry—Alberni Mines Develop Favorably.

Vancouver, March 24.—(Special)—A joint meeting of committees from the council and board of trade was held this afternoon to consider the question of the suggested steamship service to New Zealand and Central America, and the prohibition of the use of traps for catching salmon in Canadian waters. Those who have made inquiries here say that the prohibition is not yet in force and strong government opposition is being brought to bear against such legislation. Trap owners claim it would be a great hardship to be obliged to abandon their traps without due notice owing to the large amount of money involved.

The fire and police committee refused a music hall license application yesterday—and yet there are several music halls running in the city without licenses.

WESTMINSTER.

Westminster, March 24.—During the last week 42 mining claims were registered and 95 mining licenses issued.

The court of revision held their final meeting yesterday. Very few assessments have been altered.

The enquiry into the affairs of the Crown timber agency still drags its length along, the testimony of millmen, lumbermen, cruisers, etc., being placed on record. In his recommendation Mr. Higginson, whose conduct of the department is being enquired into, denied having been interested in timber berths at the time such were acquired from the government, adding: "Further than that I respectfully decline to answer on the principle of enquiring into private affairs, which none had a right to do. They might as well ask him how much stock he had in a certain bank."

NANAIMO.

[From the Nanaimo Free Press.]

The lead on Mr. F. B. Pemberton's claim, the Daisy Bell, on the Cowichan trail, was struck on Friday. A tunnel to tap the ledge was started some time ago, and, as anticipated, it has been reached about 46 feet from the surface. The strike has not been sufficient to permit an estimate of its extent, but the ore found is said to be of the most satisfactory character.

Word was received from Alberni by stage last evening that the weather on the West Coast has been so bad during the last week that many of the prospectors have had to return from the canal and the mountains and prospecting has been practically stopped entirely.

PETERSON'S FAST LINERS.

The Representative of the New Atlantic Steamers Talks Terms With the Cabinet.

Ottawa, March 24.—(Special)—Mr. W. Peterson, the Newcastle steamship man is here, and saw several of the ministers to-day in reference to the fast Atlantic steamships contract. It is said the draft of the provisional contract was under consideration in the council today. Mr. Peterson spent considerable time in the Privy Council department. Mr. McCarthy, Q.C., his legal representative, being with him.

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We know the difficulty of saying anything on the subject of Chinese and Japanese labor, other than a demand for its prohibition, without laying ourselves open to misconstruction; but a newspaper has certain duties to perform and these ought never to be shirked through any fear of this. A movement is now on foot in the legislature to insert in all bills to incorporate companies a provision to prohibit the employment of Chinese or Japanese persons about the works authorized by the bills. It is not our intention to say a word against the policy of such legislation. The competition of Oriental labor is a very serious matter and sooner or later will have to be discussed on its merits, but the present is not the time to do so. What needs consideration is the thing which was done yesterday when the house was in committee on the West Kootenay Power & Light Company's bill, and will from present appearances be repeated in the case of a great number of other bills. The point which we have in mind has not been taken in the legislature, so far as we know, nor do we think it has been mooted in the courts; yet it is one that we think will have an important bearing ultimately on the question and may seriously affect some of the most important private legislation of this session. The form of the amendment which it is proposed to insert in the several bills is as follows:

No Chinese or Japanese person shall be employed in the construction, operation and maintenance of the undertaking hereby authorized, under a penalty of five dollars per day for each and every Chinese or Japanese person employed in contravention of this section, to be recovered upon complaint of any person under the provisions of the "Summary Convictions Act, 1889," and amending acts.

We draw attention to the expression: "No Chinese or Japanese person." A Chinese or Japanese person is presumably a person born in China or Japan or the offspring of parents born in either of those countries. If such a person shall take the oath of allegiance to the Queen and thereby become a British subject he will remain a Chinese or Japanese person, as the case may be. But every British subject, no matter where he was born or what his parentage is, has equal civil rights with every other British subject, so long as he is not a convicted felon. As a matter of fact a great number of Chinese are taking out naturalization papers. The British Columbia legislature cannot prevent this. There is no law on the statute book and none which the legislature of this province can pass which will prevent every Chinese or Japanese person, who has been in Canada for three years, from taking out naturalization papers and thereby acquiring equal rights with all other British subjects. Can the legislature constitutionally pass a law depriving one class of British subjects of a right which all other classes of British subjects enjoy? Have the promoters of the proposed legislation considered this point and have they reflected upon the possible fate of laws containing such a clause, when they come to be considered by the Governor-General in Council? It might prove an awkward thing by and bye to have the acts incorporating companies disallowed because they contain a provision of doubtful constitutionality or one which the Federal ministry may hold to be contrary to the general policy of the Dominion.

We have thought it our duty to direct attention to this matter while it is yet time. In view of the important financial interests that are involved in the incorporation of companies in whose charters the above provision seems likely to be inserted, and the danger that these charters may be annulled by the Governor General, we suggest, if the legislature is determined upon legislation of this kind, that it be dealt with in a general bill applying to all companies incorporated at the present session, and that the several acts of incorporation be passed without any such provision. If this is done, the acts of incorporation will be in no danger of disallowance, and the question of the employment of Chinese and Japanese labor on certain enterprises will be dealt with as a substantive proposition, and if the general act passed on the subject stands it will apply to all the private acts into which it is proposed to insert the restrictive clause.

OUR COMMERCIAL POLICY.

The Toronto Globe has defined what it thinks ought to be the commercial policy of Canada, and we think no violence will be done to the probabilities of the case by accepting its definition as representative of the intentions of the Laurier ministry. If we are correct in this we may heartily congratulate the country upon the prospect. Hitherto the Liberal party has been the champion of reciprocity with the United States to such a degree that this might be called its only policy. At least it overshadowed everything else. Ten years ago one section of that party advocated unrestricted reciprocity, and a smaller, but not uninfluential, section demanded commercial union. The arguments for a pan-American Zollverein were urged with great vigor and found strong endorsement on the southern side of the international boundary, the late Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, being much impressed with them, and at one time quite active in their propagation. It has become very evident that we need not look for any reciprocal trade relations with our neighbors. The demagoguism, which is so strong a factor in the politics of the Republic, renders it impossible for those who correctly appreciate the true commercial relations of the two halves of the continent to make their influence felt in congress. Canadians may as well realize this at once and shape their own policy accordingly. Holding these views we are more than gratified to find a paper, so closely in touch with the Laurier ministry as the Toronto Globe, employing this language:

The new American tariff, if it become law, will have the result of throwing us more upon our own resources; and we are inclined to think it will have a salutary effect upon our neighbors to let them know that we are not poor relations, dependent upon their good-nature for our prosperity. We do not propose to cry "sour grapes"; we do not attempt to belittle the advantage which would accrue to our people from a freer interchange of products with their neighbors: but we cannot obtain that advantage by desiring it, while we may be losing time and energy which might be better employed in seeking other outlets for our surplus products.

But this is only part of the commercial case as it presents itself to the thoughtful Canadian. It is not only desirable that the Dominion should show its southern neighbors that its prosperity is not dependent upon the good will of the American congress, but that it should also demonstrate to the Mother Country the wish of our people to be drawn closer to her by commercial bonds. We think this desire is general and it is founded not only upon the good will towards each other, which happily pervades all parts of the British Empire, but upon good, sound business principles. Canada needs British immigrants and British capital. It can secure them better by developing its trade with the United Kingdom than in any other way. Hence we read with pleasure such expressions as these in the chief Liberal organ:

"Our main dependence for further extension of trade must be with Great Britain."

"Government can do a good deal for the promotion of British trade."

"Is it necessary to ask which course ought to be adopted by a Government pledged to tariff reduction? Clearly it must proceed by way of a reduction of the duties on British imports rather than by way of an increase of duties on American goods."

"We shall be able to say to the Americans: In forming our tariff we have made reductions mainly on British imports, for it is to Great Britain that we must now look for any increase in our external trade. If you want free access to our markets you know how to obtain it. We trade with those who trade with us."

"Our watchword ought to be, not retaliation, but independence."

We gather from the Globe that it would look with favor upon a retention of the present schedule with such changes as are calculated to give an impetus to our trade with Great Britain. If this proves to be the case, the Laurier ministry will receive hearty endorsement from all parts of the Dominion in respect to its tariff policy. People will not stop to reflect that the action of the United States has really left no other course possible, or if they do, will congratulate themselves and congratulate the country that hereafter we shall have both parties committed to a commercial policy which shall be both Canadian and Imperial. This will be the first step towards taking the tariff out of politics—a consummation most devoutly to be wished.

THE Times alleges that the COLONIST produces daily "the editorial criticisms and opinions of the Toronto Mail and Empire on the Liberal government and everything appertaining to Liberalism or affecting its standing and character." It also says the COLONIST reproduces the "wild statements of the World." The COLONIST is not answerable to the Times for what it prints, but in the interest of truth may mention that there have been just three quotations from the Mail and Empire in the COLONIST this month, one of them being editorial and not political, the other two being from the Toronto paper's special correspondence. There have been published in the COLONIST during the same time two extracts from the Toronto World, one in a dispatch, the other being a reference to the B. C. Southern, which this paper roundly condemned. We are at a loss to understand why the Times felt called upon to utter so deliberate an untruth as was contained in the paragraph in part quoted above. It is almost impossible to avoid reference to a contemporary daily paper, but if the Times continues to make such disgraceful perversions of fact it will find itself beneath the notice, not only of the COLONIST, but of every citizen.

HON. PETER MITCHELL has been appointed Fisheries Inspector for Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Those who know Mr. Mitchell's energy and grasp of the subject will agree with us when we say that if he were sent out to this Coast on a summer trip with directions to report on what it needed in the way of fisheries protection here from poaching foreigners, he would more than justify his appointment, which does not need justification anyway, for everyone will be glad that the Government has been able to find a suitable position for him.

WE reprint from the Money Market Review a report of the last yearly general meeting of the proprietors of the Bank of British North America. On the whole the report is very encouraging, and the references to our own Province particularly so. We can ask no better certificate to the value of our mines than what is said about them in the Chairman's address. This from the head of so conservative and solid an institution will have an excellent effect in influential quarters.

THE result of the elections in Bonaventure and Champagne will have a powerful influence upon the attitude of the French clergy in politics, coming as they do just before the visit of Mgr. Merry Del Val. It may be taken for granted that the object of this prelate's visit is to bring the Quebec bishops to a sense of their shortsightedness in attempting to set themselves up as arbiters of the destiny of Canada.

A MONTREAL dispatch to the St. John, N.B., Telegraph says that many miners in British Columbia are starving. A more monstrous falsehood never found its way into print. We do not believe that a case of serious destitution can be found in all the many camps. The Telegraph should correct the statement of its correspondent.

THE Massachusetts legislature has a measure before it to prohibit the sale of fair, bazaar, lecture, or other tickets to a candidate for office. As out of the 65,000,000 residents of the United States at least 64,999,999 are candidates for office, this looks like sweeping legislation.

THE Nelson Miner wants a political convention to "formulize" a new political party. Its particular object seems to be "to kill the British Pacific and tax the Vancouver Island coal barons."

JUDGING from the manner in which it is being received by the New York press the Dingley tariff bill is not by any means sure of passage. Even the New York Tribune condemns it.

"A GREAT Canadian romance has yet to be written," remarks the London News. Evidently the British paper has not kept track of the Canadian press at election times.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

"I guess there's trouble over at Smith's." "Yes?" "Yes. Anyway, Mrs. Smith just ran out, looking quite agitated, and asked where the nearest penny-in-the-slot divorce machine was."—Detroit Journal.

"Some of those civil service questions are awfully hard." "Are they?" "Yes; a man who failed told men that one question was, 'Name three ships in the United States navy and state what is the matter with each!'"—Puck.

"Is that an alarm of fire?" asked a stranger as he listened to the Sunday morning clanging of the church bells calling worshippers to service. "It is," answered the man next him on the cable car, "but the fire is not in this world."—New York Journal.

The Sultan looked up in alarm from the portfolio of war sketches of his frontier correspondent. "Heavens!" he shrieked. "Is it as bad as that?" His secretary hastened to reassure him. "That, sire," he said, "is a picture of a Greek soldier." The Sultan reached for a sherbet. "By the beard of the prophet," he gasped, "I thought by the knee skirt it was a new woman!"—New York Press.

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THAT FISHERIES ORDER.

From what the World has been able to learn concerning the proposed trap fishery regulations, off Point Roberts and beyond the international boundary, it is more than probable that the enforcement thereof will be left in abeyance for some time.—Vanccuver World.

COMMENDABLE ENTERPRISE.

The announcement that F. Aug. Heinze, the president of the Columbia and Western Railway Company, has determined to invest every available dollar of his large private capital in extending the Columbia and Western railway to Penticton is hailed with delight by every true British Columbian. Such unbounded faith in the future of this province as that announcement discloses is most creditable and is worthy of emulation by every business man within the borders of the province.—Rossland Record.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Mr. Goldwin Smith calls the attention of the London Times to the fact that the three states in which female suffrage prevailed—Wyoming, Utah and Colorado—all voted for Bryan and repudiation. He wonders what would have happened if all the women in the United States had voted. But that will not be allowed. Even the Wild West states are turning against the fad, while in the older and more intelligent states it is growing less in favor than ever. It is woman's irresponsibility that makes it dangerous to put the government into her hands, and no legislation can remove it. "Put the power where you will, the responsibility must reet on man, and where the responsibility is the power ought to be."—Winnipeg News-Bulletin.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The ladies were out in force at the legislature yesterday with their suffrage petition. They made a goodly showing. It is understood that they claim a round dozen votes in the house.

Mr. Helmcken had a question of privilege based upon the cut of the Attorney-General which the Western World printed. According to the third member from Victoria it was "the most unkindest cut of all." The "privilege" was rather in the nature of a liberty.

Probably Mr. Booth would have done better to have had progress reported on his bill rather than face a vote on the Anti-Chinese amendment. But as he did not do so, would it not have been better to have discussed the matter and secured a full house before the vote was taken? The result would in all likelihood have been the same, but it did not look right to have a question of such importance disposed of in a thin house and without discussion.

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And in the Matter of the Title to Lot 994, in the City of Victoria.

Notice is hereby given that Gustav Sutro will be registered as the owner in fee of the above mentioned lot at the expiration of three calendar months from this date if no objection be made to the contrary within that time by some person claiming title to the same.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General of Titles.

Land Registry Office, Victoria,
January 19th, 1897. ja19

British Columbia Milling and Mining Company, Limited.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the above-named Company will be held at the Company's office, No. 48 Langley street, Victoria, B.C., on Thursday, 8th April, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m., to consider, and if approved, ratify the action of the directors in the sale of the property of the said Company, and to authorize the execution of sufficient deeds of conveyance.

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THE CITY.

THE W.C.T.U. will be addressed by Dr. Mary McNeill on "Heredity and Hygiene," this afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the Temperance hall.

THE British and Foreign Bible Society will hold their postponed annual meeting in the First Presbyterian church on the evening of the last Wednesday of this month.

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DIER, Davidson & Russell have been offered, through Mr. C. N. Russell of Vancouver, $150,000 for their Tinhorn property in Fairview and the offer was refused. Arrangements are in progress for the erection of a mill on the property.

H.M.S. PHEASANT, after a tempestuous voyage North from San Francisco, which port she left on Friday last, arrived in Esquimalt yesterday evening. She has been as far South as Acapulco, and has been absent from the Esquimalt station for the last few months.

MRS. DAVID SPENCER'S residence, on Belleville street, was crowded last evening with young people, gathered for the at home given there under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union. The association, as is their custom, furnished capital entertainment for the event, and the hospitality of Mrs. Spencer was hearty in the extreme. The programe of the evening consisted of a number of droll recitations by Mrs. Grant; a pleasing mandolin and piano selection by the Misses and Messrs. Bell; an excellent quartette by the Misses and Messrs. Spencer; and some choice vocal and instrumental solos by the Misses Munsie and Josie Spencer and Mrs. Bell.

MR. JAMES H. DOBSON, of Winnipeg, agent of the Dominion Express Co. at that city for the past ten or twelve years, died of diabetes on Tuesday evening after a five years' struggle with the fatal disease. Mr. Dobson came from Toronto during the first Reil rebellion, with General Wolseley, and after the trouble was over joined the Dominion Express Co. as messenger, running between Winnipeg and Port Arthur at the same time that Mr. F. Oliver, now agent at Victoria, was made agent at Port Arthur. Mr. Dobson continued on the Winnipeg and Port Arthur route for a year or two and was then appointed agent at Winnipeg, where he has been ever since. He was well liked in Winnipeg and will be much missed.

THE following is the excellent programme prepared for the promenade concert at the Drill hall to-night, for the benefit of the Fifth Regiment band instrument fund:

Overture—"Pique Dance" (first time). Suppe
Waltzes "Rhinesagen" (first time) Gauge
Characteristic Scotch Dancing.....
Master Milton Douglas.
Selection from "Freischuetz".....Weber
Fifth Regiment Orchestra.
"Serenade" (duet for flute and 'cello)..Titl
Fifth Regiment Orchestra.
Medley Overture—"A Bunch of Favorites".....Boettger
Fifth Regiment Orchestra.
Vocal Solo—"The Clang of the Hammer.".....Bonheur
Capt. Monro.
Characteristic Irish Dancing.....
Master Milton Douglas.
Concert Polonaise (first time).....Beissig
Medley Overture—"A Visi to the Minstrels," (first time).....Bowron

ONIONS & PLIMLEY, the local representatives of the Brantford "Red Birds," have just constructed in their works on Broad street a pneumatic road cart—the first of the kind that has been made in the province, and the first of the kind, also, here to be found. It is a graceful looking vehicle of not more than one hundred pounds weight, yet as strong and rigid as a cart could possibly be. Its wheels, just like those of a "bike" only in point of size, have steel rims and spokes, absolutely dust proof ball bearings, and tires that are both cemented and bolted in position. They are non-puncturable, and this feature makes it unnecessary for the customary inner tire to be used. The wheels are 48 inches in diameter and revolve on ⅜ inch balls—11 in each cone. The size of the wheels is one of the other salient points, for it gives them an easy carriage over rough roads. Apart from the wheels the cart resembles an ordinary sulky, tidily and securely put together, with seat resting on a splendid spring. Altogether the cart is a thing of beauty, a creditable home production and a conveyance that needs only to be seen once on the street with a stylish horse to make its owner the most prominent personage in town.

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Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental x

A BICYCLIST paid a three-dollar fine in court yesterday for riding on the sidewalk.

WONG WAH and Ma Sue figured in a row in Chinatown last evening, in which some of the Chinese secret societies are supposed to have a hand. The former has been placed under arrest and a charge of aggravated assault registered against him, while the latter is nursing some ugly wounds in the head inflicted by broken crockeryware.

A FEEBLE-MINDED man named Robert Shaw, who was brought to the city on Saturday for treatment, took advantage of the permission granted him on Tuesday to go for a walk. As he did not return inquiries were made and apparently he has gone back home again for he was seen making his way towards Saanich, and probably intended to get some one to take him to the island from there. He is not quite in his right mind but is perfectly harmless.

A SMALL boy of eleven who resides in the vicinity of James Bay came to the conclusion on Tuesday that at his mature age the maternal slipper was too undignified a method of argument, so he resolved to travel through the wide, wide world and never to return until he had amassed a fortune and could appear in a coach and four, loaded up with gold to dazzle his schoolmates. So he travelled and travelled, and at nightfall he had arrived at the wonderful country of Cordova Bay. Then he thought of his nice warm bed with regret, and begged shelter for the night at a hospitable house. In the meantime his mother had informed the police of the lost boy, and it was a very penitent youngster who will never, never run away again who reached home this morning in the care of Provincial Constable Bevan.

MUCH interest will centre in a wedding to be performed this evening, not through the particular prominence of the participants—as that much is as yet unknown—but from the oddity of the ceremony itself. The event takes place in the Salvation Army barracks at 8 o'clock sharp, and this will be the first marriage solemnized by Army officers in this city and probably in this province under the marriage law broadened in their behalf a few years ago. Adjutant Clarke, assisted by Adjutant Phillips of Vancouver, who is down specially for the purpose, will take the place of a minister, tying the customary knot but pledging the bride and groom to more than is ordinarily demanded of them, for they must swear themselves to be life workers in the ranks and it is not likely they will be subjected to any severe form of lecture. The wedding ceremonies will begin with the customary meeting of songs, band music and prayer, preceeded by a tea meeting which will be open to all between 5 and 7 o'clock. After the marriage service the bride and groom will sing a duet and this will be followed by speeches from officers and married members of the corps. Then will come the second tax meeting, at which the bride will cut her wedding cake, and the event will conclude with the departure of groom and bride on a honeymoon tour of the Sound.

PERSONAL.

T. G. Holt, of Montreal, is visiting the city.

Miss Wilson left for Scotland this morning.

Frank Weston, of Vancouver, is a guest at the New England.

Capt. James Carroll, Alaska, is among those registered at the Driard.

F. C. Gamble was an outgoing passenger on the Charmer this morning.

W. H. Cameron and S. Morris, Vernon, are among the arrivals at the Oriental.

J. C. Maclure, manager for Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., at Vancouver, is paying the capital a visit.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor returned yesterday evening from a visit to the provincial mainland.

Dr. J. D. Helmcken was able to enjoy a little open air exercise yesterday for the first time in several weeks.

Fritz Rathgeber, chief engineer of the Hastings sawmill, arrived by the Charmmer last evening and is a guest at the Dominion.

Hugh Moore, ex-police officer at Sidney, is at the Dominion. He has purchased his ticket for Alaska, and intends trying his luck in the mines of the Yukon.

J. F. Robinson, of Cannington, Ont., is staying at the Dominion. Mr. Robinson is the special representative of the Gleaner, of Cannington, and the News-Record, of Berlin.

Wm. Selover, of Portland, whose scheme for a smelter in Victoria is being considered by a committee of the board of trade council, is in town and is registered at the Oriental.

Thomas Windsor, Westholme; A. W. Chrey, Seattle; Geo. Lewis, Cowichan; C. Stuart, Cobble Hill; Frank Lloyd; Hall's Crossing; Edward Cave, Chemainus; Geo. Poulton, Millstream; and Wm. Arden, Tacoma, are at the Occidental.

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PICKING UP POINTERS.

The Newly Appointed Immigration Agents Come to the Coast to Gather Information.

They Will Tell the Irish and English Peoples of the Glorious West.

There arrived from the East last night two gentlemen who have come "to discover the country," as Hon. Mr. Tarte would put it. They are Mr. A. F. Jury, of Toronto, who has just been appointed Dominion immigration agent for the North of England, with headquarters at Liverpool, and Mr. C. R. Devlin, who until a few weeks ago was member of parliament for Wright, and is now going to Ireland as immigration commissioner, with headquarters at Dublin, his object being the placing before the desirable class of intending emigrants from the Emerald Isle the advantages which Canada offers as a home for the thrifty and industrious. Mr. Jury is well known as a leader in labor circles, and Mr. Devlin is a bright, wide-awake newspaper man, so that together they will be able in the short time at their disposal to pick up a good deal of the kind of information they want about the Western part of Canada. Their object is to find out what are the resources of the Northwest and British Columbia and what class of people are most required for populating it. Besides this they will carry away with them information about British Columbia's mining and other resources with a view to being able to attract capital for investment. Their time is limited, and so Messrs. Jury and Devlin will only spend to-day in Victoria, going next to Vancouver and from there to Rossland, where they will separate—Mr. Devlin going northeast to the Edmonton country and Mr. Jury to the Dauphin district in Manitoba, the two places they at present have particularly in view for settling farmers. They will to-day visit the government departments and procure maps, pamphlets and general information, hoping to be able to arrange to have samples of grains, minerals and other British Columbia products sent to them as an ocular demonstration of the truth of the statements they will be able to make as to British Columbia being the greatest mineral country on the great round globe, that British Columbia oats are the best in the world, and that in fruit, lumber and other resources she can give other places half-a-dozen laps in the race for fame, and beat them hands down.

THE MUSIC OF SCOTIA.

Last Evening's Concert for the Burns Memorial a Conspicuous Success.

The Scottish concert given in the Victoria theatre last night under the auspices of the Scottish societies of Victoria was very well attended and was a conspicuous success. The choruses were particularly fine, attesting to Mr. J. G. Brown's great skill as a leader. Among them "The Hundred Pipers" went with perhaps the most force and effectiveness, but all were excellently well done. The solos were rendered admirably. The duet by Mrs. Rowlands and Mr. Brown and the trio by Messrs. Kinnaird, Muir and Brown gave great pleasure. Miss Johnston and Mr. W. Allan made capital hits with their recitations, and little Master Douglas was capital in his Highland fling, while youthful Master McKenzie handled the bagpipe like a veteran. The programme was as follows, and the concert may be dismissed with the statement that it reflected the greatest credit upon all concerned and gave immense pleasure to the audience:

Bagpipe solo.....
Master McKenzie.
Chorus..... "Duncan Gray"
Choir.
Song..... "Doon the Burn"
Miss Jameson.
Violin solo..... "Scottish Airs"
Mr. Freimuth.
Song..... "Afton Water"
Mr. James Pilling.
Song..... "We'd Better Bide a' Wee"
Mrs. Rowlands.
Recitation (humorous) "Sandy Jameson at the Schule Board"
Mr. W. Allan.
Song..."Oh Whistle and I'll Come to You My Lad"
Mrs. McCandless.
Duet..... "The Crookit Bawbee"
Mrs. Rowlands and Mr. Brown.
Chorus..... "The Hundred Pipers"
Choir.
Trio (by request)..."Willie Brewed a Peck o' Maut".....
Messrs. Kinnaird, Muir and Brown.
Highland Fling.....
Master Douglas.
Chorus..... "Ye Banks and Braes"
Choir.
Recitation...."Sandy McDonald's Signal"
Miss Johnston.
Song..... "Came Ye by Athol"
Mrs. Gregson.
Song (by request)....."Willie Tamson" (in character).....
Mr. J. G. Brown.
Violin Duet..... "Scottish Airs"
Miss Blackie and Mr. Freimuth.
Song..... "Mary o' Argyle"
Mr. Jas. Pilling.
Chorus..... "Scotland Yet"
Choir.

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STUART'S FAIR-HAIRED BOY.

The Manager of the Carson Carnival Waiting for McCoy to Grow.

LOS ANGELES, March 24.—Dan Stuart has left for Coronna, where he will stay a day or two before proceeding to Dallas, Texas. Speaking of the fight, Stuart says:

"Think as you please, you cannot find a man anywhere at the present time who would have any show with Fitzsimmons. It would be simply exercise for him to beat Corbett to death in four rounds. Of course Bob did not know this when he faced the Californian on St. Patrick's Day. He really had no idea what an easy game he had, and accordingly made a waiting and careful fight.

"No one can beat Fitzsimmons now; but wait. In two years I will show you a fighter who will just about take care of the Australian's case. Who is he? Who would he be but Kid McCoy? Just wait until the kid gets a little heavier and you will see him take a few kinks out of Mr. Fitzsimmons or any other heavyweight in the world.

BRITTAIN THINKS OTHERWISE.

Frank Brittan of Vancouver, considered a local authority on prize fights and boxing bouts, has returned from Carson, where he witnessed the great mill. In Brittan's opinion Corbett is the better man, and was knocked out by a chance blow.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

ENGLAND V. COLONIES.

The second England v. Colonies match of the season will be played at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon, the following comprising the teams:

Old Country—Williams, Haines, Scholefield, Daniels, Patton, O'Brien, Atkins, Spain, Schwengers, Gaudin, Bridgman, Futcher, Daniels, Earsman and A. N. Other.

Colonies—Holmes, Pemberton, Byrn, Wilson, Gamble, Pinder, Macrae, Macdonald, Crease (2), Langley, Hibben, Johnston, R. Innes and Tuck.

FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA COLLEGE MATCHES.

The Association match yesterday afternoon at Beacon Hill resulted in a victory for the College by 3 goals to nil.

To-day at 3:30 on the College grounds H.M.S. Comus meets another team of the College boys, which was given in yesterday's COLONIST, and a close and interesting match is expected.

PROGRAMME.

Y. W. C. A. Concert This evening at the Rooms of the Y. M. C. A.

Instrumental Duet.....The Misses Frank
Song.....Mr. Thomas
Vocal Solo.....Miss Lugrin
Reading.....Rev. Archdeacon Scriven
Selections.....Mr. Holland
Vocal Duet.....The Misses Lugrin
Song.....Mrs. Janion
Song.....Mr. Laundy
Song.....Miss Sharp.
God Save the Queen. x

CANADIAN NEWS NOTES.

Opening of River Navigation—Anthracite on the Shores of Lake Winnipeg.

TORONTO, March 24.—(Special)—Everything points to the early opening of navigation through the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special)—The cabinet to-morrow will hear the application of the Bell Telephone Company for permission to increase its rates.

WINNIPEG, March 24.—(Special)—A discovery of hard coal is reported on the shores of Lake Winnipeg.

J. H. Newlove and T. R. Foxley, of Vancouver, are among the recent arrivals at the Dominion.

A. F. Jury, of Toronto, Dominion immigration agent for the north of England, and C. R. Devlin, of Aylmer, Quebec, Dominion immigration commissioner for Ireland, are at the Driard.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Seventh Parliament.

THIRTIETH DAY.

MONDAY, March 24, 1897.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. R. W. Trotter.

Mr. Helmcken presented a petition from 2,711 women of the province, asking for franchise. The petition was read, received and ordered printed.

Mr. Sword moved for copies of all correspondence, petitions, etc., between the Sumas dyking commissioners or any other persons and the government, or any member thereof, in relation to the Sumas dyking, such return to cover the period between January 1, 1894, to date. Carried.

Dr. Walkem asked the Minister of Finance: "How many of those delinquent taxpayers whose properties were advertised for sale at last sale for taxes in New Westminster district received rebates?"

Hon. J. H. Turner replied, "Nine."

Mr. Williams asked the Premier:

"1. Has the Columbia and Western Railway Company deposited with the provincial government security in compliance with section 3, Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896?

"2. If so, when was said security deposited?

"3. Nature of the security, if any?

"4. If by bond, names and addresses of bondsmen?

"5. Conditions of bond, if any?"

Hon. J. H. Turner replied:

1. "Yes."
2. "Fourteenth October, 1896."
3. "By bond."
4. "August Heinze, of Trail, B.C."
5. "To be supplanted by $75,000 of first mortgage bonds of the railway company when issued."

Mr. Graham asked the Premier:

"1 Was the right to purchase pastoral lands intentionally omitted from the act granting aid to the Columbia and Western Railway?

"2. If not intentional, does the government intend to take any steps to place pastoral lands on the same footing as agricultural land?"

Hon. J. H. Turner replied:

1. "It evidently was."
2. "No."

Dr. Walkem asked the Minister of Finance:

"What were the railway and steamer expenses of individual ministers for the six months ending December 31, 1896."

Hon. J. H. Turner replied that he could give no fuller information than was contained in the return presented to the house on the 22nd inst.

Mr. Williams asked the Attorney-General:

"1. Did the Attorney-General hold a brief on behalf of the province before the Privy Council re Precious Metals in Island Railway lands?

"2. How many days were occupied at the hearing before the Privy Council?

"3. Who acted as counsel in the above matter for the province, and when engaged?

"4. What fees (if any) were paid to English counsel and solicitors herein?"

Hon. D. M. Eberts replied:

1. "Yes."
2. "Mr. Bigham, Q.C., and C. A. Russell. They were retained for the preparation of the respondent case on the 11th May, 1896; they were briefed on the 22nd July, 1896."
4. "£349 10s. 8d., but of this £254 8s. 8d. were taxed and refunded as against the losing side."

Mr. Helmcken caused a little amusement by jokingly complaining that he was unable to get the return brought down in the house the other day from Alberni.

Mr. Huff, exhibiting the COLONIST with the facsimile of the first goldbrick turned out by the Consolidated Alberni, which had been shown to the members a few days ago, volunteered to furnish Mr. Helmcken with that copy of the return. (Laughter.)

The house went into committee on the East Kootenay Railway Co. bill, but as Mr. Macpherson's anti-Chinese clause was brought up it was decided to adjourn the sitting of the committee for a week to await the result of Mr. Adams' general bill prohibiting the employment of Chinese.

The house then went into committee on the West Kootenay Power and Light Company bill, Mr. Huff in the chair. In committee Mr. Macpherson again brought up his anti-Chinese clause, which was carried. The committee rose and reported the bill complete with amendments.

The house went into committee on the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway bill, Mr. Smith in the chair.

Some discussion arose over section 17, which provided that the company might issue guaranteed or preferred stock not exceeding $17,500 per mile. Mr. Booth, who introduced the bill, moved to strike out the restriction of $17,500.

Mr. Cotton feared this might be unlimited power that might have a bad effect. It was pointed out, however, that this issuing of preferred stock was simply in line with the power given other companies to increase their stock, and the amendment was carried.

Section 24, which empowered corporations or municipalities to make grants to the railway or to subscribe for shares, was struck out as superfluous and overriding the Municipal Act. The bill contains a clause prohibiting the employment of Chinese.

The committee rose and reported the bill with amendments.

The house went into committee on the Lardeau Railway bill, Mr. McGregor in the chair. The committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The house went into committee on the Kaslo Lardo-Duncan railway bill, Mr. Kidd in the chair.

The Attorney-General, though not having any objection to the name, was afraid that the similarity of the two names Lardo in this bill and Lardeau in the Lardeau railway bill, might lead to some confusion. The preamble was accordingly laid over. A section was put in requiring the company to commence building in two years and to complete the road in four years.

The committee reported and asked leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. McGregor the Nanaimo and Alberni railway bill was read a second time.

Hon. Mr. Turner presented the annual report of Mr. John Fannin, curator of the provincial museum. The gratifying information is given that a greater number of valuable contributions have been received during the past year than during any previous one. Owing to the crowded state of the present quarters preventing a proper arrangement of specimens no attempt has been made in the way of a classified catalogue, but such a catalogue will be proceeded with as soon as the collection has been arranged in the new quarters, and Mr. Fannin advised that the removal to a building where the chance of fire will be less than at present cannot take place too soon. The Curator also advises that the minerals be placed in a department of mineralogy under the care of the provincial mineralogist. The total number of specimens in the museum is 16,577. Mr. Fannin says in closing:

"During my visit East last summer I made special inquiries respecting the cost of collecting and maintaining similar institutions in England and the United States, and I must say that I found none equal to this that had been got together in the same time and for the same amount of money."

Mr. Helmcken asking whether the address to be presented to Her Majesty from the house on the occasion of her diamond jubilee was ready,

Mr. Speaker intimated that he understood the address was in course of preparation and would be a very handsome one.

Hon. Mr. Martin remarked that not only would it be a very handsomely illuminated production, but there was an additional cause for congratulation in the fact that it was being prepared in the Lands and Works department, and would be equal to any work that could be turned out in any other part of the Dominion.

The house then adjourned.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Mr. Helmcken—To introduce a bill to amend the "Election Regulation Act."

By Dr. Walkem—To move on report on the Lunacy bill to strike out the words "lunatic asylum" in the title and substitute therefor the words "hospital for the insane."

Mr. Helmcken to move on Monday: Whereas, on the 1st day of April, A.D. 1896, the government of the Dominion of Canada expressed its willingneess (without prejudice to its claim to all other reserves in the province of British Columbia, and that the title of the land which may be accepted as a reserve for the Songhees Indians in lieu of their present reserve, be conveyed in fee simple to the Dominion government) to assent to the terms of the resolution passed by the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia on the 28th day of January, 1896, relative to the removal of the Songhees tribe of Indians from the reserve to some suitable locality:

"And whereas, on the 1st day of June, A.D. 1896, the government of the province of British Columbia expressed its willingness to accept the aforesaid proposition of the government of the Dominion of Canada:

"And whereas, by an order-in-council dated the 23rd day of February, A.D. 1897, the government of the Dominion of Canada desires to insert an additional term, viz:

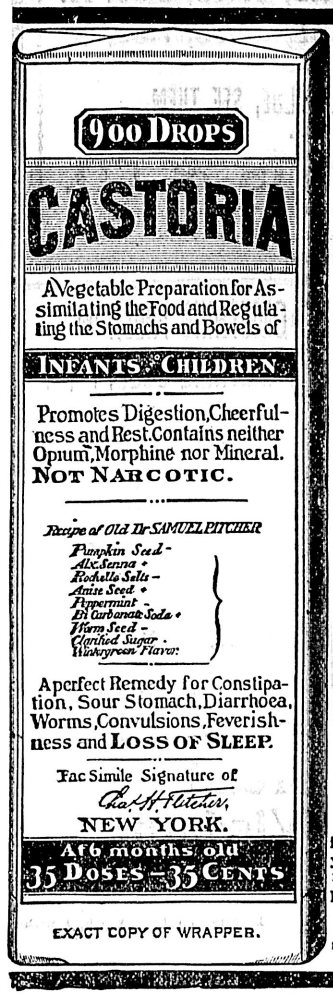
"1. The commissioners to select a tract of land as a new reserve for the Songhees Indians, and to value such land and the land comprised in the present reserve, assessing the difference in valuation, such difference to be made good by the province, either by a money payment to the Dominion government or trustees for the Indians, or by the allotting of additional land to the satisfaction of the superintendent-general of Indian affairs, it being understood that such land as the province may set apart for the Indians, will be conveyed in fee simple to the Dominion government, and that the land comprised in the Songhees reserve will revert to the province," as a further condition of acceptance of the aforesaid resolution:

"And whereas, the insistence by the Dominion government of such terms as so altered will prevent the labors of the special commission being entered upon for some time, if not altogether, and thus do an injustice to the city of Victoria, besides causing great uneasiness amongst the Indians on the said reserve;

"And whereas, it is highly desirable that the special commission should commence its sittings at an early date;

"Be it therefore resolved, that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him inform the government of the Dominion of Canada that this house does not consider the terms set out in the said order-in-council, dated the 23rd day of February, A.D. 1897, satisfactory or equitable for the settlement of this long-pending controversy, nor just to this province, but approves of the terms set forth in the order-in-council of the government of the province of British Columbia, dated the 15th day of March, A.D. 1897, as affording the best means for providing a prompt and final settlement of this important question."

By Dr. Walkem—On report on Lunacy bill to move that section 40 be amended by striking out the section and inserting in lieu thereof: "When a lunatic sent to any public hospital for the insane is under the age of 21 years and has a father or a mother able to pay for his maintenance, or a guardian or committee, it shall be the duty of the Medical Superintendent to send a copy of the order and certificate, attested under his hand and that of the clerk of such public hospital for the insane, to the father or mother, guardian or committee (as the case may be) of the lunatic, to which copy the said Medical Superintendent and clerk shall subscribe a certificate of the admission of the lunatic, and of the amount which will become due for him each month to the hospital, by the regulations of the hospital for insane made in that behalf, and the Medical Superintendent shall at once render an account to the father, mother, guardian or committee (as the case may be) so liable for the maintenance and clothing of the patient, from the date of his admission into such hospital for insane; and such person or persons shall be notified that the patient will be made a private patient, and that he or they must provide a bond in Form M in the schedule to this act, for the future maintenance of the hospital for the insane.



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A NEW MINING TOWN.

Quartz Creek Has Had a Rapid Development—The Government Builds Two Bridges Across Salmon River.

A Nelson special to the P.-I. says: The new town of Quartz Creek has built up rapidly and has nowabout forty buildings. Many men are going in every day seeking investment, and the hotel accommodations are insufficient. The government has practically decided upon building two bridges across Salmon river; one south of Quartz Creek and the other a mile and a half north, which would better suit the purposes of Wild Horse creek. There is already sufficient ore in sight to justify the building of eight or ten miles of wagon road up Wild Horse creek, and it seems probrble that construction will be commenced during the coming spring. The entire district, all of which lies in the Nelson mining district, is literally plastered with claims, many of which show free gold on the surface, and much which is suitable for concentrating.

The excitement is intense and there is sure to be a big boom in the spring. Like the famous Slocan district, these properties are showing up well from the start, and the consensus of opinion is that the camp will be fully as rich as any other district in the Kootenay. The "yellow-legged prospectors" have not paid much attention here yet, but just as soon as the snow goes away so that their wasp-like appendages will not be discolored by moisture, they will be prominently in evidence. Much development work is being done, and a number of mines are making preparations to ship.

The Ymir mine on Wild Horse is being developed by the London & British Columbia Gold Fields Company, and has about 500 tons on the dump ready for shipment. Twenty men are employed and 650 feet of work has been done, most of which is on the vein, which shows a width of fifteen feet. The ore is milling gold ore and contains a considerable quantity of silver and lead. Gold, however, is the principal value. The Parker group and Tennessee, south of Wild Horse, are being extensively developed and have considerable ore on the dump for shipment.

The Elise property has recently resumed operations under a reorganization of the company, and a large force is employed. The showing is very fine. The British American Gold Mining Company has started a large force of men at work developing the Copper King at Twenty-Mile Post on the Canadian Pacific railway on Kootenay river. They have a ten-foot ledge, the assays from which show $56.92 in copper, silver and gold. The ledge lies like a blanket on the mountain, and development can be prosecuted without the necessity of expensive intersecting tunnels.

The British Canadian Gold Fields Company has secured the controlling interest in the well known Howard Fraction at the foot of Slocan lake, and has put fourteen men to work getting out ore for shipment. Assays run from $106 to $140 in silver and gold.

The Silver King mine pursues the even tenor of its way and is keeping the smelter busy with some of the best ore that has ever been taken out of the mine. The recent discovery of a large and rich body of ore has brightened things up considerably, and it is expected that the shipments of matte will be correspondingly larger. The new roaster and reverberatory furnaces connected with the smelter are almost ready for use, and will be blown in before the lapse of many days.

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A TRANSPLANTING FEAT.

An unusual feat in the transplanting line was accomplished recently here, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. An elm tree fifty feet high and with a trunk eighteen inches in diameter, with roots and all, was moved fifty feet. The tree is the property of Mrs. William Thaw, and stood on the line of the Beechwood boulevard, where it traverses Mrs. Thaw's property at Fifth avenue, near Shady avenue.

Mrs. Thaw desired to save the three, and Contractor John Eichleay undertook to remove it. A circular trench was dug around the tree at a distance of ten feet from the trunk. At a depth of six feet the workmen excavated under the tree, bracing the earth above with timbers. The mass of earth, twenty feet across and six feet deep, in which were imbedded the tree and its roots, was then boxed in with planks. Screws were placed beneath, the whole mass raised and placed on rollers and moved fifty feet, to where a great hole had been prepared for its reception. It was lowered into place, earth filled in as the screws were removed, and it stood as firm as if it had grown there.

The tree was maintained in an upright position by the weight of earth at the roots. The whole mass weighed seventy tons. The work occupied about three weeks, and a number of photographs of the tree while in transit were taken.

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Deeds and all usual charges to be at purchaser's expense.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Tenders to be sent to the undersigned not later than 12 o'clock noon, the 30th day of March instant.

E. M. JOHNSON,
37 Government St. cor. Broughton, Victoria.
Agent for the Mortgagee.
P.O. Address, Box 188, Victoria, B.C. mr19

Tenders for Carbons, Globes and Oil.

Tenders, sealed, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 4 o'clock of Monday, the 29th inst., for supply to the Corporation of the City of Victoria of

50,000 Copper Coated Carbons, 5/8x12.
30,000 Plain Carbons, 7-16x12.
20,000 Plain Carbons, 7-16x8.
2 Dozen Opal Globes.
18 Dozen Clear Arc Globes.
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All the above articles to be supplied and delivered in accordance with specifications and conditions, which may be seen at the office of the undersigned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted,

W. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation.
City Hall, Victoria, B.C.,
March 17th, 1897. mr18

PROPERTY FOR SALE.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received up to Monday, the 29th day of March, for the purchase of the following property situate in Victoria District, being part of Oakland Estate, known as Lots 48 and 49, portions of Section 29, containing 6.03 acres. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For further particulars apply to

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NOTICES.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the Official Administrators Act and in the Matter of the Estate of Frederick Kaye, Deceased Intestate

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Drake, bearing date the 20th day of March, 1897, I was appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above-named deceased.

Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are requested to send me particulars thereof on or before the 20th day of April, A.D. 1897, and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

W. MONTEITH,
mr21 Official Administrator.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its present sitting, for a private bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia; with power to construct, maintain and operate branch lines, and all necessary bridges, ferries and wharves, and to construct, own and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Governments of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges; and also, for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the city of Victoria, British Columbia, this 9th day of March, 1897.

E. E. BILLINGHURST,
mr10 Agent for the Applicants.

FLAX CULTURE.

The Government having procured a supply of flax seed for the purpose of experimenting; those desirous of undertaking the work, and making the required returns, will be good enough to send in their names to the undersigned.

J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.
Department of Agriculture,
Victoria, March 18, 1897. mr19

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment:—

11th March, 1897.

THOMAS BRIGHAM HALL, of the City of Victoria, Esquire, to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Victoria. mr19

GEO. A. SARGISON,

NOTARY PUBLIC,

Accountant and Agent.

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TIME TABLE No. 27,

To take effect at 8 a.m. on Monday, November 2, 1896. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH.

	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	8:00	3:20
Ar. Nanaimo	11:40	6:38
Ar. Wellington	12:00	6:55

GOING SOUTH.

	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8:20	3:50
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:40	3:45
Ar. Victoria	12:20	7:00

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" Nanaimo for Victoria, Saturday, 7 a.m.

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NOTICE.

Assessment Act and Provincial Revenue Tax.

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897. All of the above named taxes collectible within Victoria City, South Victoria and Esquimalt Electoral Districts, North Saanich, Rupert, Sayward, Quatsino, Coast and Queen Charlotte Island Land Districts, with parts of Barclay and Clayoquot Districts assessed by me, are payable at my office.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:—

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.
Three quarters of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely: Upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.
Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

If paid on or before the 30th day of June, 1897:
Three-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.
One-half of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.
Upon such excess of income when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.
Two and one-half per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

Provincial Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita (residents of Victoria City excepted.)

CORNELIUS BOOTH,
January 2nd 1897. Assessor. and Collector. ja12

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Take notice that pursuant to the provisions of the Partnership Act, 1894, I have this day dissolved the partnership heretofore existing between Michael Morissey and myself under the name of the Excelsior Brewing Company.

Dated at Victoria this 16th day of March, 1897.

JOHN LEAHY.
Witness:—Archer Martin. mr18

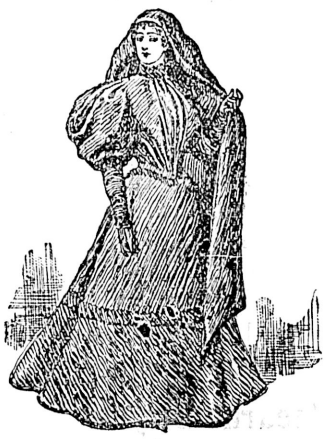
MOURNING COSTUMES.

The Fabrics Employed—More Crape Used Than Formerly—How Widows Dress.

It is a curious fact that while fashions may change, the fabrics used for mourning costumes remain the same. Henrietta cloth is, when trimmed with crape, considered the deepest mourning. Serge and crepon, showing long, deep waves exactly like crape, are also worn.

The mourning period for a widow, one young enough to expect to lay aside her black, lasts two years. During the first year she is limited to gowns of henrietta cloth trimmed with crape. The next six months she may wear eudora cloth with lighter trimmings of crape, and for the next six months eudora cloth, crepon, serge or any all black material she may select, without crape decorations.

Mourning for a parent requires a dress of henrietta or eudora cloth rather simply trimmed with crape, and having on the bonnet a crape veil that reaches just below the belt. For a brother or sister a gown of black serge, with a collar, belt and cuffs of crape and very short crape veil, is proper. The bonnet worn by a widow is really nothing more than a foundation for holding the veil. The milliner fits a frame to the head, covers it plainly with crape and then drapes the vail



A WIDOW'S COSTUME.

over it. This veil hangs below the knees in front and is about the same length behind. Almost all widows wear white crimped ruching inside their bonnets.

The foregoing information is gleaned from The Ladies' Home Journal, which illustrates several mourning costumes, including one for a widow. As described by the authority already quoted, the widow's first costume is made of henrietta cloth and crape. Usually the skirt is made in the received flaring fashion and is decorated with one deep fold of crape headed by a narrower one, so that the crape trimming reaches quite to the knees. A plain, close fitting basque, pointed at the front and back and arching over the hips, is the design counted most proper for the bodice. A crape collar, crape cuffs and a fold of crape around the edge of the basque are the only decorations. The bodice closes in front in such a way that the hooks and eyes are hidden under the few soft folds of henrietta cloth that are down the front. The bonnet is a pointed toque covered with crape and having the usual long veil draped over it. For the first three months the veil is worn over the face.

Worth Trying.

If a fruit jar with a screw top like Mason's refuses to open, turn the top down in a basin of water (hot) and let it remain a few moments, and then try it. Glass stoppers may be removed from bottles the same way, when a strong arm could not start them beforehand, says a writer in Good Housekeeping, who also advises that if tablecloths and napkins are stained with peaches, berries, pears, coffee or tea before being washed they should be spread over a small tub, pouring boiling hot water through the stains. Have plenty of it, and do not be discouraged if the stain does not start at once. Try, try again. Then wash as usual.

Advice From a Veteran Cyclist.

To secure ease in riding and command of the wheel, the handle bars should be on a level with the hips. To place them higher, as many ladies do, makes riding difficult and ungraceful, especially hill climbing. To place them lower is likely to give poor control of the wheel, as well as a cramped, uncomfortable position. Many ladies wonder why their machines run so hard. It is because of high handle bars and low seat. The seat should be so adjusted that the ball of the foot will just reach the pedals. The saddle should always be placed in front of the seat post.

Odds and Ends.

For flowers there are quaint shaped vases in cut glass, with colored glass feet.

If a strip of webbing two inches wide is sewed tightly on the underside of a rug close to the edge, it will prevent the edges from curling.

German beer mugs, with metal caps, afford a wide field for selection as regards variety in decoration, coloring and inscription.

Raisins can be easily seeded if put in hot water and allowed to stand 15 minutes before beginning to seed.

A useful trifle for the tea table is a silver standard on which to rest the tea ball when not in actual use.

Put a handful of salt in the last rinse water for clothes that might possibly streak in the drying.

If it is not convenient to fill flannel bags for the sickroom with sand, bran will answer the purpose very well and will retain the heat a long time.

The artistic tendencies of designers is pleasingly illustrated in the newer tortoise shell articles for the toilet and writing tables. Their intrinsic as well as artistic value is enhanced with gold or silver mountings.

Scrofula is a word you don't quite understand, but if you talk with your doctor, he will tell you that it is generally believed to be due to the same cause which gives rise to Consumption. It appears mostly in those who are fat-starved and thin, usually in early life. A course of treatment of Scott's Emulsion with the Hypophosites wherever Scrofula manifests itself, will prevent the development of the disease. Let us send you a book. Free.

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THE RETAIL MARKETS.

Plenty of Eggs and Another Advance in Mutton—Flour Shows Signs of Weakening.

Customers have ceased to manifest interest in the big placards in shop windows announcing eggs at 20 cents a dozen. The novelty is worn out and the enterprising grocer is now overstocked with the shell fruit. There is a very small display of green vegetables anywhere, and what little special buying has been done during the past day or so has been occasioned more by the sunshine than enterprise on the grocer's part. Hay has gone up a dollar in the ton and is probably now at its top notch, as the advent of spring growth is sure to affect its sale. Mutton, however, another article that was thought to have reached its highest valuation last week, has risen still another point and is selling at 10 cents per pound per carcase. Certain lines of flour, which until recently were very stiff, are now weakening and a cut in retail quotations is unlikely to occur at any time. Were it not for a bountiful provision of oranges and cranberries, the fruit market would be in a bad way, the delicious Eastern apple being now almost a thing of the past. Quantities of the fruit are still on hand, but the most of that displayed is showing its age sadly. The current quotations are appended:

FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$6.00
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	6.00
Victoria XXX	5.25
Lion	5.25
Portland roller	5.25
Salem	5.50
Snowflake	5.75
Premier	5.50
Three Star	5.50
Superfine	5.50
Hungarian (Armstrong)	5.75
XXXX "	5.25
Strong Bakers "	5.00
Graham, per 10 lbs	40
Wheat, per ton	35.00@40.00
Buckwheat, per 10 lbs	50
Oats, per ton	25.00@30.00
Barley, per ton	30.00@32.00
Middlings, per ton	22.00@25.00
Bran, per ton	17.00@18.00
Ground feed, per ton	25.00
" " California per ton	25.00@30.00
Corn, whole, per ton	26.00@28.00
" cracked, per ton	28.00@30.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	35
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	45@50
Rolled oats, per lb	4
Potatoes, per lb	1½
" sweet, per lb	4
Cabbages, per lb	2½@3
Hay, baled, per ton	14 00
Straw, per bale	50@75
Onions, per lb	5
Rhubard, per bunch	10
Cheese, per lb	15@20
" American, per lb	20
Eggs, Island, per doz	25
" imported, per doz	20
Butter, fresh, per lb	30
" Creamery, per lb	30
" Dairy, per lb	25
" Delta, per lb	30
" California, per sq	45@50
" " per roll	40
Honey (Chilliwack) per lb	25
Hams, American, per lb	16@18
" Canadian, "	16
" Boneless, "	15
" Glasgow beef, per lb	20
Bacon, American, per lb	16@18
" Rolled "	14@16
" Long clear "	10
" Canadian "	14@16
Shoulders, hams, per lb	12½
Lard, per lb	12½
Golden Cottolene, per lb	12½
MEATS—Beef, per lb	5@12½
Sides, per lb	7½@8
Veal "	10@15
Mutton, "	5@12½
" " carcase, per lb	10
Pork, fresh, per lb	9@12½
Turkeys, per lb	20@25
Geese, per lb	15@20
Chickens, each	65@75
Pigeons, per brace	50@60
FRUITS—	
Eastern apples, per lb	5
Lemons, California, per doz	25@35
Bananas, per doz	35
Cranberries, Eastern, per lb	20
Oranges, Australian, per doz	40@50
" Navel, per doz	35@40
Japanese oranges, per box	40
FISH—Salmon, spring, per lb	10@12
Halibut, per lb	10@12
Rock Cod, per lb	8@10
Smoked Salmon, per lb	15@20
Herring, per lb	12@15
Kippered Herring, per lb	10
Haddock, Finnan, per lb	12½
Bloaters, per lb	10
Eastern oysters, per tin	75

DESPITE POPULAR DISSENT.

The Naval Estimates Pass Their Second Reading in the German Reichstag.

BERLIN, March 24.—The reichstag today passed the second reading of the naval estimates. Baron von Stumm, Conservative, declared that the naval authorities must dismiss all the notorious socialist employees of the navy department. The secretary for the navy, Vice-Admiral von Holmann, in reply said that the naval authorities knew their duty—that any workmen taking part in socialistic agitation or stirring up the employed against the employers were dismissed.

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THE TOWN OF GRAND FORKS Has sprung into existence within the last year; early in the spring the place consisted of a few houses. Owing to the rapid opening of the Mines and the travel and traffic consequent on between 4,000 and 6,000 claims having been located, there are now estimated to be over 200 houses and 500 people residing in the town. The principal buildings consist of a three-story and several two-story Hotels, General Stores, Butchers, Bakers, Post Office, The Grand Forks Miner Newspaper Office, Brewery, Assembly Rooms, &c., &c., and all the usual Dry Goods, Millinery, Furniture and other businesses, which with several fine dwellings go to make up a busy town. Surveyors, Lawyers, Assayers, Real Estate Agents, Share and Mine Brokers are now established in business in this place.

AN APPLICATION Is now pending to the Provincial Legislature for an Act of Incorporation, and notices given of two separate Private Bills for Water, Electric Light and Power Companies, also Telephone, Water, etc. All in connecction with and to supply the Town of Grand Forks and Suburbs.

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A POWERFUL MINING & SMELTING CO. Report their intention of building a **500-Ton Smelter** in the close proximity of this land, and the owners have been applied to for a site for this purpose. Such an industry is warranted from the fact that the Great Volcanic Mine, said to be the largest deposit of copper gold ore now known, purposes to smelt the product of their mine at this point. The Projected Roads make it the most convenient receiving and shipping point, and a leading Bank is said to be about to open an Agency, as the employment of the requiaed labor will circulate a no small sum of money each month.

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Between Michael Morrissey, Plaintiff, and John Leaky, Defendant.

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The said business will be carried on until further notice by the said Receiver, who will collect all moneys due the said partnership and all persons concerned are hereby notified that the said Receiver is the only person having authority to collect moneys or otherwise deal with the assets of the said business.

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THE THERMOMETER.

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Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	49	Mean 46·	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	44·		
9 a.m..	44·	Highest 49·	5 a.m.—7 SW. 1 p.m.—8 SW. 9 p.m.—Calm.
1 p.m.	48·		
5 p.m..	47	Lowest 41·	Cloudy—.02. Sunshine—7h. 15m.
9 p.m..	41.		

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Fifty Per Cent of the Interior Stock Now Counted as Dead or Dying.

Residents of the Coast cities have little conception of the distress which, in conjunction, the cold weather and the shortage of food supplies are working among the stock on the interior ranges.

The poor, patient cattle are literally dying by droves, according to the report of Mr. J. C. Maclure, of the Robert Ward Co., who has just returned from a business visit to Soda Creek, between which point and Ashcroft, a distance of about 150 miles, the loss will run up to fully 50 per cent.

The hay supply was exhausted more than two months ago, and since that time the ranchmen have been feeding for the most part on straw—poor fodder at any time, but doubly so with the thermometer going down, down, down, until it has touched 20 below zero. Half fed, and ill-prepared in consequence to resist the uncommonly long continued cold weather, the poor beasts are found dead or dying, huddled together in droves all the way from Soda Creek down—while the owners can do nothing but watch the slipping away of the property that is their dependence, with dull despair.

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WILL NOT INTERFERE.

Following the Precedent of His Predecessor, McKinley Will Not Recognize Cuba.

The Strongest of Anti-Jingoists Offered the Consul-Generalship at Havana.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The President has offered the consul-generalship at Havana to William F. Draper of Massachusetts, and General Draper has declined the appointment because he desires a more dignified post. The fact that the President saw fit to offer the post at Havana to such a pronounced opponent of Cuban recognition as Gen. Draper is of itself of high significance regarding the attitude of the administration.

General Draper is the one man in congress, with the exception of Senator Hale, who has not only voted in committee against recognition of the Cubans, but has said repeatedly for publication that he did not believe that they would prosper under an independent government so much as they have under the sovereignity of Spain.

His utterances have run so counter to "Jingo" sentiment that some of his friends have feared that they might injure him with the administration. The fact that in the face of these utterances he is selected, not for some post where they would be of no importance, but for the very post where the "Jingoes" would most dislike to see him, indicates that President McKinley and Secretary Sherman have set their faces openly against interference by the United States in Cuba.

The fact that Senor Estrada Palma, the so-called president of the Cuban Junta in New York, came to Washington and went away seeking a formal interview with the new president, indicates that he had little hope of the results of such an application. He doubtless satisfied himself as to the attitude of the administration and as to the wisdom of seeking a hearing at the White House. He had no difficulty in learning indirectly that if he went there he would be received as any private citizen or tourist, but that he would no more be recognized as a representative of a sovereign power, or even belligerent insurgents, than the Queen of the Sandwich Islands.

The attitude of the administration has the merit of leaving the Spaniards and Cubans to fight it out between themselves in the island, and the friends of Spain here declare that it will result in the early termination of the insurrection.

POETIC JUSTICE.

The Sin of a Man and a Woman Revived to Illustrate Retribution.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., March 24.—A terrible retribution is the view now taken of an accident that occurred on the Northern Central railway near Canto two weeks ago in which a passenger train killed three persons, Lorin Lavaucher, his wife and their child. They were riding in a wagon and were struck at a crossing.

Their death has disclosed a secret of 17 years standing. The publication of the accident attracted the attention of relatives in Indiana, from whom it has been learned that the Lavauchers eloped from Gas City, Ind., seventeen years ago, he deserting his wife. The woman with whom he ran away was his wife's sister. They came to Bradford county, Pa., and settled on a small farm. Three children were born to them, the youngest of whom was killed with them.

ENSIGN PATTERSON, of the Food and Shelter Home, to whom Victoria owes much, he having been one of the promoters of that worthy institution, is soon to leave for Vancouver. In the Terminal City he has a similar project ahead of him, the people of that town being determined on following out similar lines to those Victoria adopted in the matter. The ensign's place here will be filled by Adjutant Clark, and other appointments will then follow.

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THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

Frank LaRochelle's Dead Body Found Floating in the Waters of the Harbor.

He Evidently Was Drowned the Night That He Disappeared, Over a Month Ago.

A dead body found floating in the harbor yesterday evening solved the mystery as to what had become of Frank La Rochelle, who disappeared more than a month ago. At 5 o'clock yesterday a Greek fisherman named Frank, and a young companion, saw a body floating in the water opposite Turret rock and towing the corpse ashore they informed the police. Though the features were unrecognizable owing to decomposition the clothing and other particulars tallied with the description of La Rochelle, who had been missing since February 10 and when the police had the body taken to the morgue they were able still further to identify the body by means of papers found in the pockets.

It will be remembered that Frank La Rochelle and two companions, George Lasher and James McKnight, came from Lillooet early in February, having completed the sale of a mining property there in which they were interested. On the night of February 9 La Rochelle, who with his companions was staying at the Oriental, was a little short of funds, though he had some $600 in the bank at Vancouver, and borrowed some $30 from one of his friends. He then left the hotel for the purpose of seeing the town. Later in the evening he was seen at the Delmonico and about ten o'clock he started down Yates street towards his hotel.

Since then nothing was seen of him, though a little after that time a cry was heard by some one in the direction of the harbor: that was all that was known until yesterday evening, when the body was found in the harbor.

A reward of $50 was offered by his friends for news of his whereabouts, the police had the harbor dragged carefully and all that could be done was done to find him, but without avail. It is likely that the body lodged against a pile or under one of the wharves till some passing vessel disturbed the water and it floated out to where it was found.

It is probable that an inquest will be held to-day.

THE PROGRAM DRAFTED

Canada's Compliments to Her Majesty Upon the Attainment of Her Diamond Jubilee.

The Speech From the Throne Silent as to the Crow's Nest Railway.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special)—The draft of the speech from the throne has been approved, and everything is now ready for the formal opening. The speech will refer appropriately to the fact that this is Her Majesty's jubilee year, and parliament will be asked to pass an address of congratulation to Her Majesty.

Bills for the revision of the tariff, for the changing of the franchise to provincial lists, providing for the taking of a plebiscite on prohibition, a civil service as well as a superannuation bill, and a bill regarding the Northwest Territories will be foreshadowed, as well as other legislation.

There will be other measures providing for departmental changes, but neither the Atlantic fast line nor the Crow's Nest Pass railway are alluded to.

LOST ON A DIVISION.

The Crow's Nest Proposals Discussed in the Ontario Legislature—Other Canadian Notes.

TORONTO, March 24.—(Special) — The legislature to-night debated a resolution by Haycock, the Patron leader, condemning the subsidizing of the Canadian Pacific for the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The resolution was lost on a division.

WINNIPEG, March 24.—(Special)—Another case of leprosy has been discovered here. The victim is John Jameson, an Icelander. Dr. Smith, of the Tracadie leper hospital, is en route here to advise the local authorities.

PRINCE ALBERT, March 24.—(Special)—The residence of Mrs. Rogers, of Prince Albert, was burned last night, also the Canadian Pacific reservoir building at Stonewall.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special)—La Patrie states that about thirty supernumeries, employes of the post office, will be dismissed at an early date.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special)—Patrick Hurcell, the New York embezzler, was arrested here to-night.

BACK FROM BRAZIL.

Still Other Colonists Learn by Dear Experience That Canada is Good Enough For Them.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The steamship Wadsworth, which arrived yesterday, brought seventeen Canadian refugees, who had been to Brazil to colonize there. They came back destitute, having found that the conditions there were not as they had been represented to them by the agent, who induced them to go to the country.

This is the second batch of colonists that has returned within the past six months, each lot being destitute. The British consul will send the colonists back to Montreal.

BATTLING WITH DEATH

The "Androsa's" Crew Have a Terrible Last Voyage on That Historic Craft.

Mythical Shipwreck on the West Coast—The "Braemer" Due to Arrive.

BOSTON, Mass., March 24.—The steamer Ontario, which arrived here from London to-day, brought into port 27 men, comprising the crew of the British ship Androsa, Captain Madagan, which was abandoned at sea on March 8, 300 miles west of Falmouth, Eng. The greater number of the rescued were practically helpless from exposure when taken from the Androsa, and they had been working at the pumps and at jettisoning the cargo for many days and nights without intermission.

Several times during the fight with the elements the men dropped from their places and were carried below by their more vigorous companions, and after resting they would drag themselves back to the deck to again engage in the work, even though in some cases they could not get upon their feet and worked while on their knees. After the rescue most of the men had to be put to bed on board the steamer, but they are now fairly well and will probably be returned to Liverpool by steamer this week by British Consul Stuart.

When last seen the Androsa was fast settling in the water, preparatory to taking her final plunge to the bottom. She was valued at £25,000 and is said to be nearly covered by insurance in English companies, while American companies have large policies on the vessel's cargo, consisting of about 200 tons of ginger and a large quantity of canned salmon, canned fruit, California wine and tallow. The cargo was said to be the most valuable that had left San Francisco during that year, and while the exact valuation is not known, it is stated that it would reach into the hundreds of thousands.

THE STORY OF A "SHIPWRECK."

Those who have relatives and friends aboard vessels of the sealing fleet, or money invested in the much-harassed industry, were unnecessarily alarmed last evening by the newsboys, who importuned them to buy the afternoon paper and learn "all about the wreck of the sealing schooner." Those who invested, quickly discovered that the "all about" was very little—Indians had reported to lightkeeper Daykin at Carmanah that a schooner had gone ashore at Nitinat, and he had immediately wired this information to Victoria with the expression of opinion that the craft in trouble was the Floyburg. This little craft left here last Monday for Cape Scott, having aboard the remainder of the Danish settlers for Quatsino, who could not be accommodated by the Tees. Capt. Hansen was in command, and the schooner is said to have had some trifling trouble at the Cape. She passed on, however, and investigation showed that the Indian report of her destruction approached no nearer to fact than that it had "looked as though she was going to strike."

"PIONEER'S" PROUD POSITION.

From the meagre and infrequent reports received from the sealing fleet at sea so far this season, the schooner Pioneer, Captain Baker, now cruising off the southern coast, is probably top liner, with a catch of 562 skins. A letter, dated Drake's Bay, March 18, was yesterday received from Captain Baker, announcing his comparatively fair luck and also mentioning the Ainoka's catch as being 174 skins, seven days previously. In his epistle, Captain Baker complains of the weather being the roughest he has ever experienced on the coast and, as usual under such circumstances, the seals were, he says, very plentiful. The letter created a little surprise among many of the sealing fraternity at home, for they did not imagine the vessels to be so far south at this time of the season.

STRANDED ON SIDNEY SPIT.

After a somewhat circuitous trip the steamer Maude returned to port last evening, having been to New Westminster, Texada island and Wellington. From the last mentioned place she brought sixty tons of coal, which will be taken out to Telegraph Bay to-day. She called at Texada on Saturday last but owing to the rough weather her stay there was very brief. On her way up the tug Hope was passed high and dry on Sidney spit. The tug had run ashore there, but with the assistance of another vessel has since been released uninjured.

MISHAPS FOR JANUARY.

Messrs. Mellon & Scott, agents for Bureau Veritas, have reported that 79 sailing vessels were lost during January, including 7 vessels reported missing. Twelve of these were American and 23 British. Twenty steamers were lost during the same period, 13 of which were British. Of the sailing vessels, 41 were stranded, 11 abandoned and 13 condemned.

MARINE NOTES.

The Northern Pacific steamship Braemar is now due from China and Japan, and the local representative of the ship, Mr. Norman Hardie, was yesterday advised of the departure from Yokohama for this port of the steamship Tacoma, on Monday afternoon. The vessel is said to have 250 steerage passengers, 800 bales of silk and a large general cargo.

The ship British General, which was reported yesterday to have arrived at Cork from Tacoma, touched bottom on entering the harbor of the former port and was held hard and fast for some time. The damage sustained is not stated.

The second meeting of the steamboat men who are effecting a permanent organization on the Sound has taken place, and several new schedules have been adopted, but no changes made in the Seattle, Victoria and Port Townsend route.

The cargo of the British ship Kinkora just loaded at Vancouver, is an unusually large one, consisting of 1,508,761 feet of rough lumber, valued at $22,375. The Kinkora is bound for the United Kingdom.

The new tug building for Mr. Charles J. V. Spratt has had her machinery partially adjusted, and is now being housed in. She will be ready for service in about three weeks.

Steamship City of Topeka is due from the north on Saturday. The Mexico will leave Seattle for Alaska this morning with, according to the P.-I., 402 people aboard.

About 9 o'clock last evening the Walla Walla got in from San Francisco, with 72 tons of freight for Victoria. For all northern ports she had aboard 149 passengers.

The Norwegian bark Prince Victor, which sailed from Vancouver lumber laden for Gibraltar on December 14, was spoken in lat. 21 S.; long. 126.

Steamer Bertha has sailed from the Sound for Anchor Point, Cook Inlet, Alaska, with 90 men aboard and a quantity of stores.

The ship Pass of Milford completed loading lumber at Hastings mill yesterday.

Tugs Constance and Mystery are undergoing their annual inspection.

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Str. Charmer.....from Vancouver.
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" Rosalie..... " " "
" Staffa..... " Vancouver.

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Str. Charmer..... for Vancouver.
" City of Kingston " Port Townsend.
" Rosalie..... " " "
" Staffa..... " Ladners.
" Hope..... " Pender Island.

DEEP WATERWAY PROMISED.

Fourteen Feet in the St. Lawrence Canals by the Spring of '99.

TORONTO, March 24.—(Special)—An important announcement is made in a letter to the secretary of the board of trade from Hon. Mr. Blair, minister of railways and canals, in which it is stated that the government have decided to push on deepening the St. Lawrence canals, and expect to have a fourteen foot waterway available for traffic by the spring of 1899.

THE ETHICS OF JOURNALISM.

Hon. J. Israel Tarte Gives Fatherly Advice of Value to More Sons Than His Own.

QUEBEC, March 24.—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Tarte wires to La Patrie, disclaiming a personal attack made in that paper upon Joseph Royal, and giving the following piece of good advice to his sons who are conducting the paper:

"If you follow my advice you will never make the slightest allusion in your columns to a man's private life."

EXTENDING TO EUROPEANS.

The Victims of the Plague Now Include Prominent White Residents.

LONDON, March 24.—(Special)—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Bombay says that the sister of the Italian consul and an English broker named Brooks have died from the black plague, and that several other cases have broken out among the Europeans residing in the city.

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